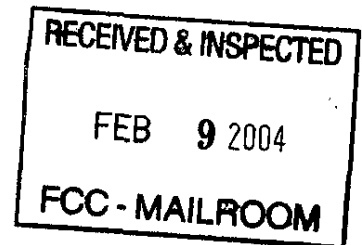




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Ref. RM10836 Emergency Vehicle Signaling System

Dear Commissioners:

Please consider the issues carefully and vote to approve the Emergency Vehicle Signaling System (EVSS) technology. Devices of this sort will provide emergency responders another "edge" in going about the work we call upon them to do. My understanding is your counterparts in Canada have already approved such devices for their emergency responders. You should do likewise.

I don't know how many of the commissioners have ever been inside an emergency vehicle responding to a call for service as an operator, passenger, or other occupant. You could be one of those who have had to dial 9-1-1 due to a fire, medical, or police emergency for yourself or another person and are awaiting arrival of help. I have substantial experience as an operator and passenger of emergency vehicles. Literally seconds can make the difference in life and death situations. Prompt and safe arrival of emergency vehicles is critical.

Too often we find that vehicle operators do not yield to our responding units. One of the oft-cited reasons is that they did not see/hear the warning devices. I'm confident that EVSS will help with that. I am anxious to field test these units. The tests can't be done without your necessary approvals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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